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SUBJECT: BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL: EC ATTITUDES

REF: (A) CAIRO 14731, (NOTAL), (B) EC BRUSSELS A-452 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: AMEMBASSY CAIRO ASKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING REPORT IN REF B THAT ARAB LEAGUE IS PARTICIPATING IN SECONDARY AND TERTIARY BOYCOTT ACTIVITIES AGAINST ISRAEL. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE DRAWN FROM DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO US BY ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICIALS HERE. WE ARE POUCHING FULL TEXT OF DOCUMENTS TO CAIRO, DAMASCUS AND RIYADH. MISSION HAS NO WAY TO JUDGE AUTHENTICITY OF DOCUMENTS NOR ACCURACY OF REMARKS REPORTED IN REF B. END SUMMARY.

2. REGARDING REQUEST IN REF A, ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICIAL PROVIDED TO US AT THE REQUEST OF A MISSION OFFICER INFORMATION REGARDING LETTERS AND DECLARATIONS WHICH THE ARAB LEAGUE ALLEGEDLY HAD BEEN SENDING TO EUROPEAN BUSINESS FIRMS. (COMMENT: THE MISSION HAS NO WAY TO JUDGE HOW EXTENSIVELY THESE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, NOR CONFIDENTIAL

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WHETHER EUROPEAN FIRMS HAVE COOPERATED WITH THESE

REQUESTS.)

3. ISRAELI OFFICIALS HERE EXPLAIN THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE HAS BEEN ADDRESSING PERSONALIZED LETTERS TO EUROPEAN BUSINESSMEN. THESE LETTERS ARE IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS OF FIRMS THAT HAVE BEEN BARRED FROM DOING BUSINESS IN ARAB COUNTRIES. PRIOR TO DISPATCHING LETTERS, THE LEAGUE REPORTEDLY ACQUIRED INFORMATION REGARDING THE NATIONALITIES AND "ZIONIST TENDENCIES" OF KEY OFFICERS. IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE BAN ON THE COMPANY, THE LEAGUE ALLEGEDLY ASKS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING COMPANY OFFICERS. OUR SAMPLE, PURPORTEDLY SIGNED BY M.M. MAHGOUB,

COMMISSIONER GENERAL, CENTRAL OFFICE FOR THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL, P.O. BOX 437, DAMASCUS, STATES IN PART:
QUOTE:...WE BEG TO ASK YOU TO FURNISH US WITH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

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(1) DOCUMENTATION EXTRACTED FROM RECORDS OF YOUR COMPANY SHOWING THE NUMBER OF ITS TOTAL SHARE CAPITAL AND THE NAMES AND NATIONALITIES OF THE SHAREHOLDERS AND THE PROPORTION OF SHARES HELD AT PRESENT BY MR. ---- AND MR. ----, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ----FAMILY: MRS., MR., MRS., AND MR.

(2) DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THE NAMES AND NATIONALITIES OF THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY AND THE POSITIONS HELD THEREIN BY THE SAID TWO GENTLEMEN AND THE ABOVE MEMBERS OF THE ---- FAMILY.

(3) AN UNDERTAKING ISSUED BY THE SAID TWO GENTLEMEN TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY WILL NEVER IN THE FUTURE GIVE DONATIONS TO ISRAEL OR TO ANY ZIONIST ORGANIZATION THEY BELONG TO. A SIMILAR UNDERTAKING SHOULD BE ISSUED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ---- FAMILY.

(4) DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THE NAMES OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH MR. ----, MR. ---- AND THE ABOVE MEMBERS OF THE ---- BELONG, AS WELL AS DOCUMENTATION PROVING THAT THEY HAVE RESIGNED FROM SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT THEY UNDERTAKE NOT TO JOIN IN THE FUTURE ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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ORGANIZATION WORKING FOR THE INTERESTS OF ISRAEL AND/OR ZIONISM AND NOT TO PERFORM ANY ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND/OR ZIONISM. END QUOTE.

4. IN A DIFFERENT TYPE OF DOCUMENT PROVIDED TO US BY ISRAELI OFFICIALS, COMPANIES DESIRING TO AUTHORIZE AN AGENT TO REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS IN SAUDI ARABIA, ARE REPORTEDLY ASKED TO SIGN A DECLARATION. THIS DECLARA-

TION, INTER ALIA, STATES THE FOLLOWING. BEGIN QUOTE.
WE HEREBYDOLEMNLY DECALRE THAT THIS COMPANY ISNOT A
JEWISH COMPANY NOR CONTROLLED BY JEWS OR ZIONISTS
AND IT HAS NO RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WHICH MAY CONTRA-
DICT THE FOLLOWING BOYCOTT PRINCIPLES:...END QUOTE.

5. AS INDICATED IN REF B, THE MISSION HAS NO WAY TO
JUDGE ACCURACY OF ISRAELI OFFICIALS ALLEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY
REGARDING HIS CLAIM THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE IN CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES SEEKS TO FORCE JEWS OUT OF TOP JOBS OF
FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN ARAB COUNTRIES. IT SHOULD BE
NOTED THAT THERE IS NO DATE ON MATERIALS PROVIDED BY
ISRAELI OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, THE ARAB LEAGUE LETTER
MAKES REFERENCE TO A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 1973.HINTON

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